

# Heart To Hand Building Projects October 2018.

Details and photographs of all projects carried out by Heart To Hand volunteers in Albania

## HEART TO HAND VOLUNTEERS 2018



Shay Power, Eamon Cantwell, Pat Whelan, Martin Campion, Kevin Power, PJ Campion, John Mockler, Mark Dwan, Nora Brennan, Cora Norton, Caitlin Power, Sorcha Scott, PJ Gleeson.



Standing: Eamon Cornally, Timmy Corcoran, Stephen Dwan, Joe Bourke.  
Seated: Dinny O Dwyer, William Dunne.



This year, 19 Volunteers travelled at their own expense to Albania to convert an existing very large basement into a homeless centre and a centre for temporary accommodation. As this basement is below ground the first job was to stop the water coming into the building and pump out any that seeped through the walls., an easy task for Martin Campion and his crew!. The centre received toilets, showers, new boiler room, new extraction pump, stainless steel kitchen, bedrooms, bunk beds and a very special children's play room decorated by our 4 TY Students.

In Bushat North of Tirana the lads were busy installing new roofs on Houses, fitted kitchens, complete rewiring and electrics, windows, doors and toilets. There is a lot of logistics between all sites and its important to have people to head into town and get materials. This is not an easy task with the language barrier and currency difference so well done to Martin Campion and Denis O Dwyer who looked after the building sites all week. Special Thanks to Antonio Qyrsaqi from Albania who helped us with logistics and translation and helped out in the basement and in Bushat, without his help and assistance it would have been impossible to get all our works completed. Thanks to Valbona Jani, Fr Marjan Lumci, and to all who helped us with our projects.

For every volunteer that travels out, there is someone at home who is taking care of business and to those people we really want to say thank you for taking on the extra workload. Without your help we would not have so many volunteers.

Thanks to everyone who was involved in fundraising for these building projects and to all who fundraise continually for Heart to Hand. Thanks to all who helped with the loading of the lorries and to the drivers for their patience with customs in Albania.

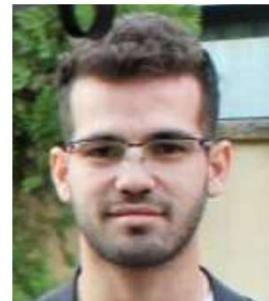
Thanks to the Missionaries of Charity and the Brothers Of Charity for providing transport, accommodation and anything that was required during our visit to Albania.

Finally, thanks to the people of Albania for their kind hospitality during our stay.

Pat Whelan  
Heart To Hand.



## The Full Crew







## Bushat Housing Projects 2018

These works included stripping off the old roof, casting a plinth on top of the walls and installing new timber structure, insulated cladding, fascia and soffit, gutters, and making it completely water proof.







**Bushat Housing Projects 2018. Fitted  
kitchens, ceilings and electrical rewiring.**

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# Basement Homeless Centre

- New kitchen, ducting, extraction fan,. Painting of all walls and ceilings, new toilets, showers, new cooker, fridge, freezer, dish washer, and storage units.



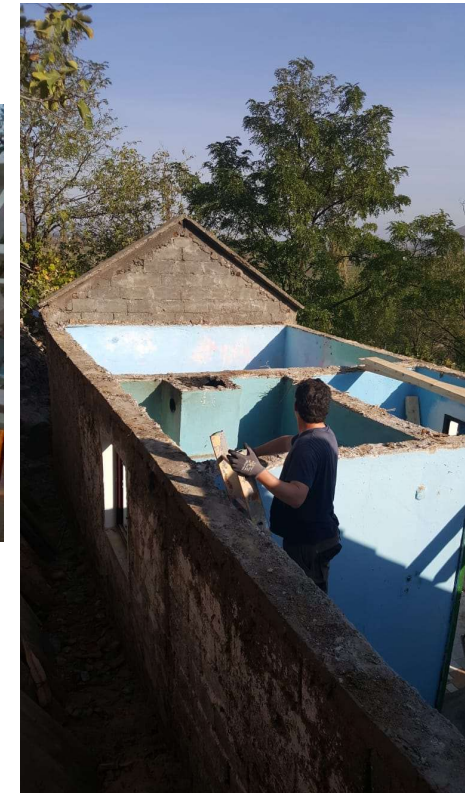


## Work in progress





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## The beautiful "Childrens Room" by our TY Students



Carlin Power  
NORA BERNAN  
Cora Nordan  
Sorcho





The Basement works 2018





Feeding Time

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## Street photos from Tirana





## Various photos from Albania 2018



The statue of St Mother Teresa before and after it was painted.  
Lots of visitors have stopped by to see the new paintwork.

It was a fantastic job, well done to the local artist and her sons who we commissioned to paint the statue.



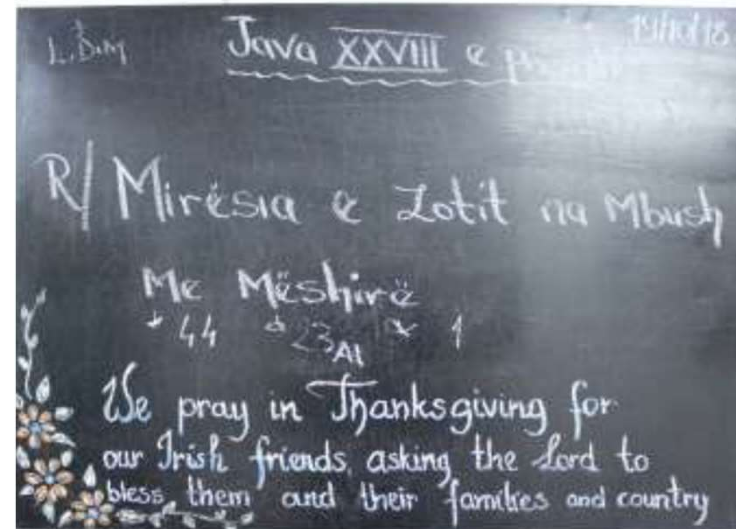
Little girl pictured with her mother receiving a new bed which was assembled by our carpenter Mark Dwan who is somewhere in the photo!



St Mother Teresa Relic.



All set for our last supper



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# Fundraisers 2018

- Truck Run, Bike Run & Raffle held in The Ragg. This was our largest fundraiser organised by Paul & Brenda Dempsey and a large circle of volunteers who sold the raffle tickets.
- 6 A Side Soccer Tournament held in Thurles. This event was in its second year and it was another great evening of entertainment. Thanks To Phil & Bridget Purcell for organising the event and to all their extended friends and family for helping out.
- Clothes sale in the Lakeside Hotel. This event has been going for many years now and its getting better every year. Thanks to Joanne Skelly and her large team of volunteers for their continued support.
- Coffee Mornings held by our 4 TY students in their local parishes. The money raised from these events was used by the girls to purchase all the items for the fabulous children's room.
- Birthday Party held in Littleton hall by PJ and Caren Gleeson for their 2 sons. The money raise from this event was used to purchase beds for the accommodation rooms. Well done to the boys giving up their birthday for a great cause.
- There was a lot of individual fundraising by the volunteers and donations from people for which we are very grateful. Its fundraising and donations that make these trips possible. Thanks to everyone for the massive effort.



# HEART TO HAND ALBANIA 2018

On behalf of Heart To Hand we would like to thank the following:

- **Our Volunteers:** For raising funds and using their holidays to travel to Albania at their own expense to participate in the building projects. Your hard work and commitment means so much to the people whose lives have being changed by your generosity.
- **Our Fundraisers:** To all who organised events around the country we would like to say a massive thank you. Your hard work in raising money make all these projects possible. As there were so many events and there are so many to thank, it would not be possible to list them all here. We really appreciate your efforts and we hope you continue to support these very worthy projects. Fundraising has already started for next year.
- **Our Friends & Supporters:** To all our friends around the country who donate, collect clothes, religious goods, school furniture, toys, and food we would like to say thank you so much. There are two lorries being loaded at present with food and clothes for families in Albania. If you would like to send items on these lorries please contact us. Christmas Shoe boxes will also be sent on these lorries.

To all who contribute to Heart To Hand in any way, big or small, your gifts are all received with the same thanks, as without everyone's help we could not continue to do this wonderful work.

There are many projects in line for next year and we look forward to your continued support.

**When it comes to volunteering for Albania, most people assume its construction work only and rule themselves out as they don't have a trade or feel they could not contribute. I would like to reassure you that all volunteers are welcome and there is a place for everybody, whether it be construction, volunteering in the orphanages, hospitals, prisons, delivering food, mechanics, caring for the elderly, working in the soup kitchens, there is always work to be done and all are welcome. The missionaries of charity will welcome all volunteers with open arms and you will only be asked to do what you can, so please do not let construction work prevent you from volunteering.**

For further information please see our web site [www.heartohand.net](http://www.heartohand.net) or contact 086 8240978.



Kind Regards,  
Pat Whelan  
**Heart To Hand.**